



Town of Hilton Head Island

## U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

### MEETING MINUTES

**Present From the Committee:** David Johnson, Jr., *Chairman*; Frank Babel, Alex Brown, Tom Crews, Jerry Cutrer, Craig Forrest, Hannah Horne, David Lunka, Tom Peeples, Brendan Reilley, John Taylor, Kyle Theodore, *Members*; Marc Grant, *Hilton Head Island Liaison*; Dan Woods, *Bluffton Liaison*

**Absent from Committee:** Sarah Stewart, *Co-Chair*; Larry McElynn, *Beaufort County Liaison*.

**Present from Town Council and Town Staff:** John J. McCann, *Mayor*, Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro-Tem*; Tamara Becker, Glenn Stanford, *Town Council*; Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

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#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

#### 2. FOIA Compliance

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

#### 3. Approval of the Minutes - None

#### 4. Unfinished Business - None

#### 5. New Business

##### a. Presentation by Craig Winn, Project Manager, SCDOT

Chairman Johnson introduced Craig Winn, Project Manager with the South Carolina Department of Transportation. Mr. Winn introduced the six (6) reasonable alternatives to the Committee and public at large. Along with the reasonable alternatives, Mr. Winn also went over the project scope and needs, where in the anticipated NEPA schedule the project currently stands, and how the public can submit their comments to the SCDOT.

##### b. Public Comment

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Winn's presentation, he answered questions from the public at large and Committee regarding the reasonable alternative.

##### c. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Johnson opened up the discussion to the Committee, asking for some feedback on what they had just seen. The Committee discussed the six (6) different alternatives presented and discussed the need for additional information about the alternatives, such as the cost analysis, environmental impact, as well as community impact. The primary focus of the Committee's discussion was the community impact, and what as a Committee they could do to mitigate the disruption to the community. Mr. Grant suggested that the Committee come back at their next meeting and discuss three of the six alternative and then continue the discussion on the last three at the next meeting after that. He said it would allow for better conversation and better analysis from the Committee. Chairman Johnson noted that at the next meeting there would be discussion on the bike/ped paths as well as bridge aesthetics.

Chairman Johnson closed the meeting asking that the Committee participate in that night's Public Information session hosted by the SCDOT. He encouraged the members to continue to ask questions and to work with the community to ask questions.

#### 6. Adjournment - The meeting concluded and was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

**Approved:** October 3, 2019